

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the pending application is respectfully requested on the basis of the following particulars:

Claim objections

Claim 5 presently stands objected to because of informalities. Claim 5 has been amended to improve the grammar and clarity of the phrase identified by the Examiner. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Rejection of claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

In the recent Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-3 as unpatentable over Suzuki et al (U.S. 6,607,041). However, the Examiner indicated that claims 4-7 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim.

The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter is noted with appreciation. In this regard, Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the allowable subject matter of claim 4, along with the subject matter of the intervening claims 2 and 3. Claims 2, 3, and 4 have been cancelled.

In amending claim 1 to include the allowable subject matter of claim 4, the limitation of "said lamps extending out of said through holes" has been eliminated. It is respectfully submitted that this limitation is not necessary to render claim 1 allowable, and that claim 1 as amended, without this limitation, conforms with the subject matter indicated by the Examiner to be allowable.

Additional amendments have been made to improve the grammatical structure of the claims. Also, claim 1 originally recited the lamp assembly as mounted on the first shell member. Claim 1 has been amended to now recite that the lamp assembly is mounted within the second shell member, to be consistent with the limitations of the

original claim 2 which recited that the lamp assembly comprises a base plate mounted inside the second shell member.

It is respectfully submitted that claim 1, as amended, is allowable as indicated by the Examiner. Additionally, claims 5, 6, and 7 now depend from claim 1. It is respectfully submitted that claims 5, 6, and 7 are allowable due to their dependence from claim 1.

Conclusion

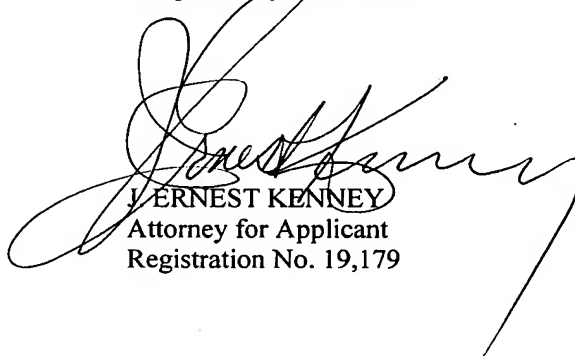
In view of the amendments to the claims, and in further view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is requested that claims 1 and 5-7 be allowed and the application be passed to issue.

If any issues remain that may be resolved by a telephone or facsimile communication with the Applicant's attorney, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the numbers shown.

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